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REPORT
To Our Readers - Owners

BAD NEWS

The writer of this column is a firm believer in printing the bad news and in eating large amounts of what has been called unpalatable truth.

The State Department of Industrial Relations has just put out a large attractive brochure of 66 pages entitled "Union Labor in California: 1955" full of important data on precisely the subject indicated in the title.

The bad news which should be rubbed in, contained in this brochure, is that only 40% of "all nonfarm wage and salary workers" employed in California are members of organized labor. That's an unpalatable truth to eat, after all the years we've been organizing, or pretending to organize.

The brochure points out that "the San Francisco-Oakland Metropolitan Area, with a long history of industralization, is more highly unionized than other parts of the State." Yet what percentage of all nonfarm and wage and salary workers are organized in this area that is the best organized? Answer: Only 51%!

Sleep on, Labor, and dream you're doing wonders! For in your top area in California, you're only 51% of a wonder!

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UNPALATABLE

In the Los Angeles-Long Beach Metropolitan Area, the brochure informs us, there's only 37% organization, and in the San Diego Area 39%.

The worst news of all is, that bad as the percentages are in California, they're better than in the U. S. as a whole. In the U. S. as a whole, we are informed, "there are 5 union members among every 15 nonfarm employees, compared with 6 among every 15 in California."

The fact that we're more extensively organized in the Bay Area than in the rest of the State, and better organized in the State than in the rest of the U. S., leads to another unpalatable truth which should be eaten and digested thoroughly. And that unpalatable truth is this: because we're better organized here, with our pitiful little 51% in the Bay Area, and our measly 40% in the State, we're prone to be fat and comfortable and selfsatisfied, and to think we've reached our goal.

If we were really "organizing the unorganized," we'd never dream of spending so much of our time raiding each other, and in jurisdictional squabbles.

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WHY NOT WAKE UP?

One of the fatal words in the brochure is "nonfarm." Those of us in the urban trades have our little organizations, and go plugging along, but we've scarcely touched the farm workers. Yet California is one of the greatest agricultural States in the country. That we're so soundly asleep about this is another unpalatable truth.

But going back to the nonfarm occupations, where we are the strongest, or the least weakest, let us say, consider some of the industries where we are thought of as the strongest. Take the printing and publishing industry, and the hotel and culinary business: in the brochure we're informed that in these lines of work, usually considered so well organized, "union members equal one-third to two-thirds of employed wage and salary workers."

And as for the enormous business of trade, wholesale and retail, the verdict is "union members equal less than one-third of employed wage and salary workers."

Meanwhile, aware of our inertia, Big Business plans to bust us with "right to scab" laws. Why not wake up and go to work?

JAMES GORDON CANDIDATE FOR COUNTY COMMITTEE

James B. Gordon is running for the Democratic County Central Committee from the 15th Assembly District.

Gordon was president of Glass Bottle Blowers 155 for ten years, and has been Past President for two years. He is a delegate to the Central Labor Council.



MOTHERS DAY business at Adachi Florists in El Cerrito wasn't so good as it might have been, due to the big picket line put on by Contra Costa county unionists, shown in the above picture. K. Nakano, business representative, Gardeners 300, who has been carrying on the picketing for over a year, has thanked both the Contra Costa and Alameda county labor movements for their assistance. The picture shows, left to right: Mel Thompson, Machinists Lodge 115; G. A. Paoli, Contra Costa CLC President; Nakano; William E. Allen, Erle E. Carter, Leo Malone, Teamsters 315; Les Summerfield, Bakery Drivers 432; Hugh Caudel, Contra Costa CLC secretary; Dan Arteaga, Painters 560; John Church, Les Benham, Bakery Drivers 432; Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290; Dick Groulx, Alameda County CLC assistant secretary. The man in the back carrying a placard and wearing a white cap is Sam Johnson, Garage Employees 78. Alameda County sent in volunteers.

State Pay Cut to Be Opposed By BTC at Sacramento June 1

Every local affiliated with the Alameda County Building Trades Council has been requested by the council to have a representative or representatives at a meeting of the State Personnel Board in Sacramento June 1. The council here has received notice from the Sacramento BTC that at the meeting the board intends to take action to cut the pay of building tradesmen working for the State.

At the last meeting of the BTC here the matter was brought up by an urgent recommendation from the Board of Business Agents that a full attendance at the Personnel Board's meeting be mobilized.

BTC President J. S. Miller emphasized the need for attendance.

NORTH STATE MEET

Bryan P. Deavers, new general president of the State Building Trades Council, has notified the Building Trades Council by letter that "it is my intention to visit in person each local Building Trades Council and to attend its meetings, if possible, in order to further my acquaintance with all the officers and delegates."

In another letter read at the last meeting by BTC Secretary John Davy, Deavers suggested that "the executive administrators of the various local Building Trades Councils in the northern section of the State meet in sessions similar to the meetings now being held bimonthly in the southern part of California."

Childers commented that such meetings would link the various councils more closely in organizing and other operations. He was authorized by the council to attend them. The first meeting is scheduled for May 29 in San Francisco.

Note was taken of the fact that there is now no vice president of the State BTC from Alameda county serving, and on motion of Abel Silva Hodcarriers 166, seconded by Hugh Rutledge, Painters 127, Floyd Peaslee of Painters 127 was elected to the post.

Clarence Vezey, Painters 40, last holder of the position, had resigned because of pressure of business upon him in managing the Painters Welfare Fund. At one time Rutledge held the office.

BIG KAISER JOB

Rutledge, who is on the Oakland Planning Commission, called attention to the importance to all connected with the building industry of the Kaiser construction job, starting in September, a $40,000,000 job.

STOVEMOUNTERS

The Stovemounters International Union called attention to the Chambers gas range. It is now built under non-union conditios in Oxford, Miss., the company having moved from Shelbyville, Ind., where union condition prevailed.

BTC CONTRACTS

Signing of BTC contracts by United Ship Service Company and George R. Dotson, was announced.

GOEBEL PLANT

Secretary Davy was authorized to send a letter to the group interested in getting the old Goebel Brewery plant going again, expressing good wishes for the success of the project.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

BTC Business Representative J. L. Childers reported that a prejob conference had been held for the church building projects on Bartlett St. and at 61st Avenue and East 14th.

Chester Bartalini, Carpenters 36, said that a nonunion firm makes church furniture was evidently considering legal action to force its furniture into buildings over union protests.

SAFETY MEETING

Charles Roe, Hayward Carpenters 1622, reported attending the Governor's Safety Conference, construction section, and said many good suggestions were made, especially in relation to the work of the mud crafts.

FIRMS CITED

At the request of Electricians 595, Erickson & Bacon, 93 Estates Drive, Orinda, were cited to appear before the Board of Business Agents.

M. F. Taylor, 2915 Dohr Street, Berkeley, was cited at the request of Lathers 88.

SCHOOL BONDS

There was some discussion of the urgent need for the citizens of Oakland approving the $40,000,000 school bond issue on ballot June 5, providing means to meet the emergency growth and create adequate school requirements for 65,000 children through 1960.

LEGISLATIVE MEET

Note was taken of the 174-page printed proceedings of the Second National Legislative Conference, AFLCIO Building & Construction Trades Department, held March 5-8, which was attended by Childers.

Policy Reversal In the 15th A.D. By Voters League

The AFL Voters League at a special meeting Tuesday changed the stand taken in the 15th Assembly District at a previous meeting of the League April 23.

At the April 23 meeting the League had endorsed Robert B. River, Democrat, for Assemblyman from that district.

At the meeting Tuesday, by a vote of 31 to 21, this was changed to "No Recommendation." This was a victory for those who contended that Assembly Speaker Luther H. Lincoln, the incumbent in the 15th District, has the support of State Federation Secretary C. J. Haggerty, and that, as Speaker, Lincoln has refrained from appointing committees strongly hostile to labor, or from shunting labor bills into unfriendly committees.

TWO PHILOSOPHIES

The debate, which lasted for two hours, brought out clearly two opposing philosophies of labor's role in politics.

Those who supported River favored an aggressive campaign; those who felt that Speaker Lincoln should be given negative support of no endorsement for his opponent favored a defensive campaign.

The River supporters contended that to go along with Haggerty in impliedly backing Lincoln was to follow the same line which Haggerty followed two years ago in supporting Knight for Governor, and which the Alameda county labor movement at that time rejected. To continue to follow this line, they argued, was to move toward closer and closer affiliation with the Republican

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DETAILS OF DEBATE IN THE NEXT ISSUE

Details of the important debate on AFL Voters League policy in the 15th Assembly District will be reported in next week's issue of East Labor Journal.

Owing to pressure on space in this Thirtieth Anniversary Edition it is impossible to publish such details now.

Richards Endorsed By the Machinists

The endorsement of Richard Richards, candidate for U. S. Senator from California, by the International Association of Machinists through its Nonpartisan Political League, was announced by John Holmdahl, Richards campaign committee head for Alameda County.

Mel E. Thompson is chairman of the Machinists' Non-partisan Political League, and John T. Schiavenza is Secretary.

Insurance Agents Call for Letters

William J. Foley, Insurance Agents 219, told the Central Labor Council this week that the Insurance Agents International Union and the Prudential Insurance Co. are stalled in their negotiations for a new contract. He urged all unions to write to Carroll Shanks, the Prudential president, Newark, N. J., expressing interest in a favorable outcome of the negotiations.

Non-Crusade Fund Drives Disturbing Labor & Crusade

Carl O. Olsen, campaign chairman, United Bay Area Crusade, East Bay District, feels that the attitude of the Central Labor Council is correct, that there should be "One Big Give" and not a lot of random solicitations by various welfare agencies.

CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash had written to United Crusade expressing the concern the council felt over the emergence of group after group going it alone on solicitations.

At the CLC meeting this week, among the communications was Olsen's reply to Ash's letter, and also a plea for contributions from still another new group conducting its separate campaign for funds.

Olsen wrote that he has just completed a series of luncheon and breakfast meetings with over 100 of the agencies participating in the East Bay United Crusade, and that at each such meeting "we have taken the opportunity to express to them our deep concern over the effect such supplemental campaigns will have on the volunteer contributor to our causes."

Olsen says that as chairman of this year's United Crusade drive, he feels that "these additional campaigns are building up in the minds of the public, the feeling that there is a pyramiding of cost which is counter to the objectives of the United Crusade program."

Olsen says that the Crusade "cost picture is 9% on the dollar," and that by combining many welfare agencies in the one big drive, the cost is kept down to a minimum, "thus enabling the greater percentage of the dollar to reach its beneficiaries."

Olsen reports that the executive committee of the East Bay United Fund at its April 25 meeting adopted a resolution declaring that it "wholeheartedly disapproves of supplemental campaigns."

91 Labor People Arrange Fete For Adlai Sun., June 3

Adlai Stevenson will make his final public personal appearance in California before the election on Sunday, June 3, 1956 at 2:00 p.m. at the band stand, Lakeside Park, Lake Merritt, Joseph E. Smith, attorney, and chairman of the Alameda County Stevenson for President Committee announced. He said:

"Oakland and Alameda County have been honored that Adlai Stevenson has selected our City and County to make his final public statement to people of California concerning the problems of our Nation.

"This is a civic function and an interesting program has been planned. We are urging all people, regardless of party affiliation, to bring their families and friends, plan a picnic or Sunday outing and enjoy an old fashioned American public meeting."

A committee of 91 well known labor people is assisting Smith in arrangements for the affair.

Funeral Services For Captain May

Funeral services were held Tuesday in San Francisco for Captain Charles F. May, president of the West Coast local of the AFLCIO Masters, Mates & Pilots Union for 19 years.

Captain May was president of the national union from 1948 to 1952. He was formerly a vice president of the State Federation of Labor. He died at his home in Burlingame at the age of 68 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Edith, and two sons, Carl and James.

ANNUAL PARADE and review of the Oakland Traffic Reserve will take place Friday, May 25, 1956, announces Chief of Police Wyman W. Vernon, beginning 12:45 p.m.

LOIS CANNON, office secretary in the Central Labor Council office, may be away from her desk for several weeks on sick leave.

OUR BIRTHDAY!

By EDITH McCONN

Happy birthday, Labor Journal!
And congratulations, too.
Thirty years are not so many,
To a gal they're hardly any,
And it's quite the same with you.

Though you've had a lot of living,
You've a brow unmarked by time.
In fact, as you grow older,
Your face (of type) is bolder.
You're really in your prime.

In the years that stretch before you
May your strength and power increase.
Though your way be steep and thorny
And your hands get hard and horny,
May your efforts never cease.

May your ink be ever blacker,
May your blood be ever red,
May your heart be not thrombotic,
Nor your arteries sclerotic
Nor your policy neurotic,
As you boldly forge ahead.

East Bay Labor Journal Has Its Thirtieth Anniversary

(By The Editor)

East Bay Labor Journal in this issue is observing the thirtieth anniversary of its existence as the official spokesman and reporter of the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council of Alameda county.

It was on April 3, 1926, the founding date we regularly run at the top of our editorial page, that there was published on the first page the "Resolution Establishing Council-Owned Labor Paper for Alameda County."

But it was not until two weeks later, on April 17, 1956, that the paper announced on the first page:

"Private ownership of the official labor press in Alameda county ceases with this issue of East Bay Labor Journal. Mass ownership steps in. This newspaper will be operated jointly by the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council. East Bay Labor Journal is now the property of the thousands of mechanics and artisans affiliated with the two big councils."

To that principle and that practice of avoiding "private ownership of the official labor press in Alameda county" the labor movement in Alameda county has steadfastly adhered for the thirty subsequent years.

You can figure that thirty years is a long time or a short time, depending on your age and on your humor at the moment. Just last week, when East Bay Labor Journal published an account of the death of Mrs. E. C. Carter, widow of the first editor of this paper, it brought to mind the fact that while to those now producing the paper the founding date seems a long time ago, to Mrs. Carter it was an episode doubtless she remembered very clearly as not so very long ago.

And to Tom J. Roberts, who worked so closely with Carter in establishing the paper, 30 years is only one-third of his long and useful life so far, and he can remember the events of the great rail strike of the nineties, many years before this paper was founded.

Nevertheless, thirty years is not to be sneezed at in the life of an institution and at the end of these three decades those of us today on the paper can feel that we are part of a well established institution indeed. Here we are at 1622 East 12th Street in a comfortably capacious plant, with our own linotypes and printing press to publish the paper, and with a battery of job presses as well to handle the printing we do for the unions.

Also, it is to be hoped, with the unification of the labor movement we can look forward to achievements impossible during the long separation of the two main branches of the labor movement. Incidentally, it should be remembered that during about two-thirds of the life of this paper that painful division of the labor movement prevailed. Now that it is over, it is a pleasure to look back through the columns of the paper during the past twenty years or so and see how little bitterness towards the CIO is revealed in those columns.

Incidentally, by an odd coincidence, the April 17, 1926 issue of East Bay Labor Journal contains a piece of writing by the present editor of the paper. It is a reprint of an editorial written by the present editor of East Bay Labor Journal when he was editor of the San Jose News. By still another odd coincidence, it's on a subject very much to the fore right now—the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

This editorial by the present editor thus reprinted 30 years ago says among other things that the NAACP "declares that the reason lynching of Negroes has declined from 60 a year to about 16 a year is because of the organized, consistent campaign which has been made against lynching by the NAACP and allied agencies."

So 30 years ago it was considered wonderful that ONLY 16 Negroes a year were being lynched. Will the day come when the current dispute about desegregation will seem as outdated as that lynching figures? Let's hope so.

Meanwhile, let it be said by the present editor of East Bay Labor Journal, who has held the editorial chair now for nearly a third of the paper's existence, that he's pleased with the condition of the paper this anniversary year, and pleased also that many papers continue to reprint our editorials, just as East Bay Labor Journal did thirty years ago.

Cross Urges Vote For School Bonds

Dr. Laurance L. Cross, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the 7th District, is urging all his Oakland audiences to vote FOR the school bonds which will also be on the ballot in the primary election June 5.

"With the rate of population-growth of Alameda county leading the State we are going to have more and more problems in trying to provide the facilities for our citizens' welfare," Cross points out. "There are numerous ways in which Federal aid can speed this program—none of which is more pressing than the need of our children for adequate schools. If you send me to Congress I will fight for every cent available to speed our lagging school building program."

Teachers Request More to Bond Fund

George Stokes, Teachers 771, moved at the meeting of the Central Labor Council this week that the contribution, made by the council to the fund for publicizing the need for the $40,000,000 Oakland school bond proposal on the June 5 ballot, be considerably increased.

The matter was referred to the trustees.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The Building Trades Council calls attention to the fact that General Refrigeration Co., 839 - 55th Street, Oakland, is on the We Don't Patronize list.

Bakery Pension Is Retroactive For Quarter Century

A pension plan retroactive 25 years, under which a man can retire after the employer has made three monthly payments of $17.30 and draw a $100-per-month pension the rest of his life, is a main feature of the agreement recently negotiated by Bakery & Confectionery Workers 119.

Herbert A. Denk, business representative of Local 119, reported on the agreement to the Central Labor Council this week. He mentioned other features of the agreement, already reported in East Bay Labor Journal, but dwelt especially on the pension arrangement.

Denk pointed out that for ten years an effort has been made to get all the locals on the coast to stand together in negotiations, and that last year 17 of them in California, Oregon, and Washington, did begin negotiating under that system. This year, however, the arrangement really began to bear fruit.

He said that assistance given by Les Benham and Les Summerfield of Bakery Drivers 432 was a great help in the negotiations, as was aid given by Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash and Assistant Secretary Richard Groulx.

The pension plan, said Denk, is part of the Bakery & Confectionery Workers International Union program, and was worked out in actuarial detail by Martin Segal, the famous consultant who was a featured speaker at the recent UC-State Fed conference on pensions at Monterey.

The agreement is with the big factory bakeries along the coast. Negotiations with the smaller bakers are now proceeding.

3 Named by Quinn To Health Council

President John F. Quinn of the Central Labor Council has appointed the following as delegates to the East Bay Health & Welfare Council: CLC Secretary Robert S. Ash, Russ Crowell of Cleaners 23, and Ethel Geer of Culinary 31.

The council holds its organizational meeting tomorrow (Saturday) at Spenger's Fish Grotto in Berkeley, with representatives of six labor councils in Alameda and Contra Costa counties: the two counties' CIO Councils, Central Labor Councils, and Building Trades Councils.

Speed Up Merger, Says Meany Note

The Alameda County CIO Council and the AFL Central Labor Council have received letters from AFLCIO President George Meany asking that merger of the two labor bodies on the local level be achieved as soon as possible.

The letters have been referred to the merger committee named some time ago by the two councils. The decision to send out such a letter to all AFL and CIO councils was reached at the May 1 meeting of the AFLCIO executive council, after some discussion of efforts made by various unions to slow down the merger process.

The merger of the State CIO Council and the State Federation is expected to take place at a special convention to be held some time in August after the State Federation convention at Long Beach.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

The following unions will find notices of important meetings called by their officers on page 3 of this issue of the Journal.

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HOW TO BUY

800,000 Cars Seek Buyers

By SIDNEY MARGOLIUS
Labor Consumer Advisor for Labor Journal

Your cost of living is creeping up this summer, largely because of climbing meat prices. But there are also some good buying opportunities offered by the big unsold stocks of 1956 cars and the sharp price competition on household appliances. Smaller automatic washers (eight-pound capacity) have been priced as low as $99 at recent sales.

Too, the first signs are appearing of a leveling off in cost of building materials and houses after six years of price increases.

Here are tips on buying opportunities for June:

CARS: Over 800,000 1956 models are in dealers' hands and must be worked off before the '57 models are introduced in early fall. In some cities dealers report, buyers can get any kind of 1956 model for five percent above the wholesale price, and most models at three percent above. On the popular-price models, discounts are reported to range from $400 up, and on higher-price models, $700 and more.

Such discounts represent a good buying opportunity, especially since the used-car market has remained firm this spring (traditionally, prices of used cars drop after July 4). Some changes are expected on 1957 models, but list prices may be higher too, as additional deluxe features will be included in the list prices rather than offered as optional equipment.

MEN'S SUITS: As the result of wholesale increases just announced, men's suits will cost about five percent more this fall. But compare prices when you buy. Several of the largest manufacturers are bucking the trend and won't mark up their tags, and in general, clothing is still reasonably priced. Look for price cuts and clearance sales of men's lightweight suits in late June. Lightweight Dacron-worsted suits, and increasingly popular blend, now are available even under the $40 level previously reported here.

WORK CLOTHES: Chino work clothes have become increasingly popular where a little better appearance is wanted than the usual dungarees provide. Chinos, of course, are the Army suntan twill, but for civilian uses they come in other colors besides khaki. Standard-quality chinos are made of two-ply combed cotton. Lower-price twills frequently are carded instead of combed cotton which has the weak short fibers combed out, and are generally lighter than the 8.2 ounce weight of the standard grade. You can't expect as much wear from them.

HOUSES: The rise in the price of building materials and houses over the past six years has been one of the sharpest taxes on moderate-income families. Lumber and other structural materials have gone up about five percent just this year, while metal materials have jumped about 11 percent. Heating and electrical supplies have been especially costly because of the soaring prices of copper. However, there are a few signs that some materials are leveling off, which will help both home-seekers and families planning modernization and expansion.

FOOD: Beef is still fairly reasonable but pork has gone up. The public never did get the full benefit of the sharp wholesale drop in prices of hogs last year. A little less than half the price drop was reflected in retail prices. A new survey of the U. S. Agriculture Department now finds that the rest was withheld about equally by meat packers and retailers, and that labor costs after all were not responsible for the increased spread between the cost of live hogs and retail prices.

Who Did The Most For U. S. People?

NEW KENSINGTON, Pa. — Fighting speeches by Senator Wayne Morse (D., Ore.), who leveled a broadside at the Eisenhower administration with the charge it was "promoting the selfish interest of a few monopolies and big business interests of this country," and by Vice President Thomas Kennedy of the UMWA, who said the "United Mine Workers of America has done more for the material and spiritual welfare of the American people than any other organization," highlighted the 58th anniversary celebration of Eight-Hour Day here by 15,000 Allegheny-Kiski Valley mine workers. — United Mine Workers Journal.

Patronize Our Advertisers!

To The Ladies FROM THE EDITOR

CHURCH WORK, some very large percentage of it, is done by women. Yet they have a long and difficult row to hoe to get to the point where they are treated as men's equals in most churches.

The Methodists are now moving toward giving exactly the same standing to women preachers that they give to men. The Episcopalians of the New York diocese recently voted to permit women to act as wardens, members of the vestry, and delegates to diocesan conventions.

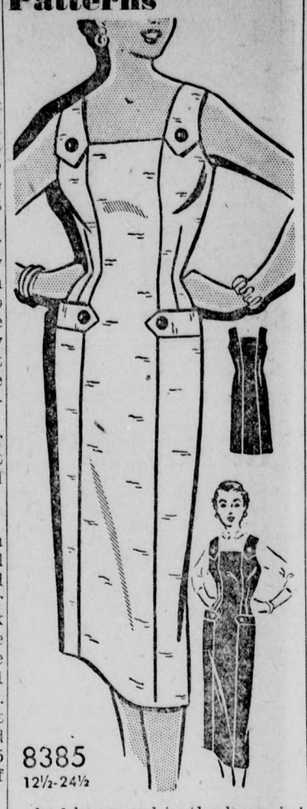
In other churches, similar moves are being made. So it looks as though at last real progress is being made.

ARE MINISTERS or laymen in the churches more opposed to women becoming official leaders of the church? So far as the vote in the New York diocese went, the laymen were the more conservative, for the clergy voted 128 for and 61 against women on the vestry. That's more than 2 to 1. But the men lay delegates voted only 78 for the women, and 45 against, which is far short of 2 to 1.

THERE'S A CATCH, though, in the vote of the New York diocesan convention. The vote has to be taken again next year, and has to be favorable again, before it stands. Ever since 1934 the subject has been coming up at the conventions.

Four years ago, for instance, the women won by narrow margins, only to lose out the following year. Then they had to start all over again. Just last year they lost again. That climb up the ladder is slow!

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For this pattern, send 35c in coins, your name, address, pattern number and size wanted to Barbara Bell, East Bay Labor Journal, 367 W. Adams Street, Chicago 6. Ill.

News About Women

10,000 Lunches

NEWPORT, Vt. — Something of a national record may have been set by Mrs. William D. Hunter as she packed the last lunch pail for her husband just before he retired after 44 years on the "Iron Horse."

She estimated that during those years she packed at least 10,000 such pails for "dad." Her estimate was played up in a two-column feature story about the Hunters, carried in the Newport Daily Express.

Bill Hunter started his rail career as a fireman on the Boston & Maine on December 21, 1911, and that's when the "missus" packed the first pail. Hunter was later promoted to engineer and continued to enjoy those pail lunches every time he went out on the run.

Her ingenuity was taxed to feed him something different each day—a problem faced by hundreds of thousands of other railmen's wives.

As a newspaper said, "railmen's wives will agree that to fill the compartments of a large lunch box with home-cooked food daily for well over 40 years is quite a commendable record."

A typical lunch pail for the round trip, Mrs. Hunter said, included soup, cold meats, vegetables, juices, eggs, cake, cookies, sauce, custard, and tea or malted milk, but there were many variations.

"Now, I'm retiring, too," she added. "It's a big relief not to have to plan the dinner pail each day." — Labor, Railmen's Weekly.

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Some Good Food

Orange Chicken

- 1 broiler-fryer (3-3½ pounds, fresh or frozen)
- ¼ cup enriched flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ⅛ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon ground cloves
- 2 tablespoons unsalted fat or oil
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 4 oranges
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar

Cut chicken into pieces. Combine flour, salt, pepper, cinnamon and cloves in paper bag; shake chicken in this mixture. Heat fat and butter in heavy 9-inch skillet or Dutch oven; brown chicken slowly until a golden brown. While chicken fries, peel the oranges and cut them into sections. Save all the juice. Measure the juice and add enough water to make ½ cup. Add soy sauce and brown sugar, pour over chicken. Cover tightly and cook over low heat for 15 to 20 minutes. Dump in the orange sections and continue cooking 5 to 8 minutes longer or until fleshiest part of the bird is fork tender. Serves 4.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR LABOR VOTERS JUNE 5

Following are the recommendations on candidates by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL for the June 5 primary election:

U. S. SENATE
State Senator Richard Richards, Dem.

HOUSE
7th: Dr. Laurance L. Cross, Dem.
8th: George P. Miller, Dem.

ASSEMBLY
13th: Carlos Bee, Dem.
14th: Robert W. Crown, Dem.
15th: No recommendation
16th: William M. Freeborn, Dem.
17th: W. Byron Rumford, Dem.
18th: Dr. James G. Whitney, Dem.

SUPERIOR COURT
1st: Judge James Quinn
2nd: No recommendation
3rd: No recommendation
4th: No recommendation

MUNICIPAL COURT
1st: Judge Ed Smith
2nd: No recommendation
3rd: No recommendation

SUPERVISORS
1st: Chester E. Stanley
4th: No recommendation
5th: Dr. Boliver Moore

PROPOSITION 'L'
For Oakland School Bonds YES

Home Furnishings

Home Changes

The American home—how it is changing, and why — was analyzed by Carl Norcross, executive editor of House and Home magazine.

In the Nineteen Thirties, nothing much happened, Mr. Norcross said. But today, new ideas are constantly changing the house, both inside and out.

Most notable change on the outside is color, he believes, and more decoration. People like the "smaltzed-up look" because they want something different, even if sometimes the something different is not very good.

Inside the house, the most drastic change is the addition of what's called the "family room," the new "back parlor," which, in many homes today, is replacing the dining room. It was "created out of desperation," Mr. Norcross said; with families having more children, he explained, the second living room has become a necessity. Such a catch-all room makes it possible to keep noise, fuss and clutter out of the living room (or "front parlor"), and this room can then be neat and tidy "if anyone does come to call."

JESS M. RITCHIE, maker of the battery additive AD-X2, which has figured in various political controversies, announces he is going from Oakland to Washington to confer with his attorney, following the Federal Trade Commission's action in dropping the charge of false advertising against his firm, Pioneers, Inc.

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Child-rearing

The Telephone

Teenagers often have as low an opinion of their mothers' telephone conversations as the mothers have of theirs. Whereas grown-ups complain that the young people talk too long—and to friends they last saw only an hour before—the adolescents hold that adult telephone talk is often fruitless and meaningless.

If grown-ups really want them to finish up their conversations and get off the telephone, the teen-agers plead, let them talk in peace. Nothing but confusion results, they hold, when the parents incessantly talk "at" their children while the children are trying to carry on a separate two-way conversation on the telepnone.

These, and a number of other points of difference between adolescents and parents, were brought out in a discussion conducted in Albany, Calif. It is reported in the current issue of Understanding the Child, publication of the National Association for Mental Health.

To cut down on conflict, the teen-agers offered two suggestions. The girls proposed what they said were reasonable time limits: fifteen minutes for each conversation with a girl friend, and thirty minutes for each talk with a boy. In answer to the charge that they monopolize the telephone to such an extent their mothers never get a chance to use it, the youngsters suggested that mothers do their telephoning while the offspring are in school.

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Policy Reversal In the 15th A.D. By Voters League

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anti-labor machine which put the Taft-Hartley Act over.

Those who supported the policy of refraining from offending Lincoln contended that the other group was unrealistic. They argued that there is grave danger of a "right to work" bill being introduced in the Legislature at the next session, that if Lincoln failed to be reelected some hostile man from the Southland might become Speaker; that if once a "right to work" bill was passed, the labor movement would be crippled for years to come, and millions would have to be spent to get the injurious measure off the statute books. The argument was advanced that River had not been close enough to labor to justify running such risks.

MANY SPEAKERS

Leading speakers for changing to a "No Recommendation" policy in the 15th District included Paul L. Jones, Laborers 304; J. L. Childers, Plasterers 112; Al Clem, Operating Engineers 3.

Among those who spoke strongly for retaining the endorsement of River were George L. Rice, Electricians 1245, who explained that he was speaking as an individual unauthorized to express officially the attitude of his union; Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36; Ralph Steinhaus, Teachers 771; Marge Frantz, Office Employees 29.

Clem, who was in the chair, spoke briefly while relinquishing the chair. Robert S. Ash, secretary of the League, emphasized the harm done to the value of an endorsement of any candidate if the precedent were set of changing. The same point was emphasized previously by Charles Garoni, Linoleum Layers 1290.

Various points were brought up by Dick Harris, Typographical 36; C. E. Risley and Joseph Hightower, Carpenters 36.

Increased Pensions for Rubber Workers in Pact

CINCINNATI, O. (AFLCIO)—Increased pension and insurance benefits for 2,500 employees of the Richardson Co. have been negotiated by the Rubber Workers through modification of the 1951 and 1953 agreements.

The old pension formula has been revised to provide $1.80 per month exclusive of social security for each year of service up to 30 years. Disability pensions for workers with 15 years' service have been raised to $80 a month.

UAW Leader Tells Of Kohler Strike

Emil Mazey, secretary-treasurer of the United Automobile Workers, was touring California recently to organize support for the long eight million dollar UAW strike against the Kohler plumbing supply company, says the State Federation Newsletter.

The Kohler strike began April 5, 1954 at the home plant in Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

At the present time, the UAW has twelve unfair labor practices against the company on file with the NLRB.

Thirty-six hundred employees worked in the plant at the time the strike was called. Cancellation of defense contracts has reduced the work force by 300.

The union estimates that production at the plant is 65 percent of normal. The plant is now running with strike-breakers hired from Milwaukee farm areas.

Mazey revealed that to date, the union has spent $8,360,000 in strike benefits in the past two years.

Approximately 1,000 of the original strikers are still receiving benefits. Others have secured employment through union headquarters.

Mazey declared that California is receiving about 10 percent of supplies produced by Kohler.

The Kohler Company is not incorporated but owned by the Kohler family. Walter Kohler, governor of Wisconsin, is a nephew of the company president.

JOB OUTLOOK in 110 occupations generally open to young people leaving high school is included in a new "Job Guide for Young Workers" issued by the U. S. Labor Department.

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Trotskyites Make Frontal Assault On Both Parties

Labor Action, which calls itself an "independent Socialist weekly," and is the official publication of the Independent Socialist League, a Trotskyite group, has published a pamphlet-issue on "Labor Politics in America: The Case for a Labor Party."

The Trotskyite publication contends that "the basic fact is this: since the organization of the majority of the American industrial working class, an achievement of the last 15 years, the structure of the nation's political party system has become utterly obsolete."

The publication systematically denounces both major parties, declaring that "the Republican Party has traditionally combined a most open concern for the big monopolies with the support of masses of independent farmers. Those who farm the farm are trapped in one party with those who farm the farmers . . . Now the farmer is becoming restive and turns toward labor."

Turning to the other major party, the publication declares roundly that "the Democratic Party unites the slave dealers of the South with the New Dealers of the North. This party held power for 20 years with the support of the democratic masses of the cities: workers, Negroes, and poor people. Yet, in Congress, the party is dominated by the representatives of the Southern planters and mill owners who choose its top leaders and run its main committees."

The article analyzing the operations of COPE, the new AFLCIO's Committee for Political Education, contends that the new political vehicle is headed, as it claims previous versions were, "toward self-stultification and frustration."

The article insists that "one gets the impression that a liberal bloc in Congress is clearly and militantly aligned against a reactionary bloc. But all this is self-delusion. The record shows only what was allowed to come before Congress for a vote. The two-party system stacks the cards . . . The men who are elected to Congress are not crusaders chosen by labor to give encouragement to the fight; they are political time-servers of the old parties chosen by bosses and ward-heelers."

The few quotations given above illustrate the line followed by this group of Trotskyites in their efforts to disillusion labor people with the two-party system. In general, what a labor reader who is alert to the various propangandas afloat these days gathers from reading the Trotskyite paper, is that the line is rather different from that in the Communist Party.

The Trotskyites make a direct assault, one gathers, on the way things are done in the U. S., instead of sneaking into other groups and operating from inside them, and pretending to agree with them. On the other hand, some pretty strong Trotskyite groups have got entrenched in some unions, just as they are getting entrenched in some Southeast Asia governments.—LB

Mexican and American Workers Cooperating

SAN DIEGO (AFLCIO)—The Tijuana members of the Mexican Confederation of Workers on the other side of the border have joined with AFLCIO unions of this area to form an International Labor Affairs Coordinating Committee.

A constitution, ratified by both labor groups, calls for regular monthly meetings, alternating on both sides of the border.

Bartalini Quoted In Nat'l Magazine On Seven-Hr. Need

The Carpenter, official monthly publication of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, in its May issue, celebrating the 75th anniversary of the brotherhood's founding, features on the first page an article entitled "Shorter Day on its Way?"

After citing the fact that "in 1890, the American Federation of Labor sected the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners to spearhead the drive for an 8-hour day," the article declares that "now that automation is threatening to make the 40-hour week obsolete before long, our Brotherhood is again in the forefront of labor organizations giving the matter study and attention."

The article then quotes approvingly a statement made by C. R. Bartalini, secretary of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, to Carpenters News, published by Carpenters 36.

Bartalini in his statement said in part:

"In the home building field we are faced with many new techniques which have put the home building industry on an assembly line basis on a par with the automobile industry . . . Statistics will reveal that approximately the same number of carpenters in our area are producing and completing more units today than they did ten years ago. This leads up to a situation that could drastically affect the carpenters' livelihood. The only reason that we haven't felt it too seriously to date is the fact that the volume of work is great enough to keep our people employed.

"However, we fully realize that the minute this volume of work begins to slow down, full employment will be seriously curtailed. When this time comes the union will be greatly concerned with the unemployed carpenters."

June Hearings on Hours for Women

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer, State Federation of Labor, has called the attention of the Central Labor Council to the fact that hearings on proposed changes in the Labor Code relating to the hours of work for women are to be held in June.

The hearings are to be held by the State Labor Interim Committee at the request of the California Federation of Business and Professional Women. This group has for years been trying to get exemptions from the Women's 8-Hour Law, but, says Haggerty, "this is the first time that a Senate Interim Committee has decided to make such a complete study."

Haggerty assumes that many organizations with women in their membership will wish to be represented at the hearings.

June 14 and 15 the hearings will be held at the State building, Los Angeles; June 18 and 19, State building, San Francisco; June 20, 21, State Capital, Sacramento.

Workers in Textiles Win Nearly 10 Cents

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) Upward of 40,000 New England cotton-rayon textile mill employees will get wage increases averaging 8½ cents an hour as a result of new contracts negotiated by the Textile Workers.

The pacts provide 6½ percent increase and with restoration of some time and one-half holidays the package is estimated to be worth about 10 cents by TWUA.

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To All Members of East Bay Automotive Machinists 1546

You are herewith officially notified that Lodge 1546 meets in regular session on the first and third Tuesday of each month at the hour of 8:00 P.M. in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12, California.

Meeting hall will be posted on the bulletin board in the lobby of said Temple and you are herewith officially requested to be in attendance.

Fraternally,
A. J. HAYES,
Recording Secretary

Steamfitters 342

Registrations were opened on Thursday, May 3, 1956 for the 27th United Association Convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri during the week of August 13, 1956.

First reading of registrants was on May 17, 1956 and was closed May 24, 1956. The second reading and election of delegates will be held at the Special Called meeting, Sunday, June 3, 1956.

Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

It is respectfully requested that you make every effort to VOTE.

Any member wishing to present a resolution on the floor must have the resolution in by June 7, 1956 or he can bring it before the Resolution Committee on June 19, 1956. This pertains to the United Association convention.

Yours fraternally,
JAMES MARTIN,
Fin. Sec'y. Bus. Mgr.

Sheet Metal Workers Local No. 216

Blood donors are urgently needed by Local No. 216. The wife of Alois Trummer employed at Electrical Products and the wife of Mathias Darbyshire employed at Richmond Sheet Metal are critically ill and blood is needed. Please contact the office of Local No. 216 for further details.

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD CHILD,
Business Representative

Plasterers 112

Special called meeting Thursday, June 7, 8 p.m. to act on a resolution presented to allow absentees the privilege of voting in union elections, if confined in hospital, etc.; at said special called meeting to act also on a proposed assessment of $1 to assist in defraying the cost of the international convention at Long Beach in May, 1957.

The election will be held June 9 between 8 a.m. and 12 noon.

The attention of all members is called to Trade Rules, Section 9. Article I. The trade rules became effective on April 15, 1956 and all members are directed to live up to this section of the trade rules.

Fratrnally yours,
GEORGE WHITTON,
Secertary-Treasurer

Clerks & Lumber Handlers 939

Attention! A special called meeting will be held Friday, May 25, at 8 p.m., Hall A, Labor Temple, for the purpose of nominating officers, also discussion for a new wage agreement.

It is important that all members attend this meeting.

Yours fraternally,
A. R. ESTES,
Recording Secretary

Hayward Painters 1178

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, June 1. At that time a vote will be taken to select two candidates for business agent, and one for secretary-treasurer. Candidates for these offices in District Council No. 16 will stand for election at our last meeting in June, which will be a special call.

On the June 1 date, for your convenience, the polls will be opened at 7 p.m. and closed at 9 p.m. After polls have been closed a special meeting will be called in order to nominate officers of our Local who will stand for election at our last meeting in June.

Fraternally yours,
ROBERT G. MILLER,
Recording Secretary

Berkeley Painters Local 40

Our next regularly scheduled meeting May 25, 1956, will be a special meeting, called for the purpose of nominating business representatives.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK,
Recording Secretary

School Employees 257

The next regular meeting will be held in the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland, June 2, at 2:00 p.m. The executive board meets at 10 a.m.

The following proposed amendment to the constitution of Local No. 257 will be given its third reading and voted on at this meeting:

ARTICLE VI. Section 1. Officers and Elections.

The officers and executive board members at large shall be elected and installed biennially at the January meeting of the Local.

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Dressing Room Chatter

Manager Praised By Theater B-82

By JOE CONNELLY

Approximately eight months Mr. Harold Seidenberg quietly and unobtrusively took over the reins of the Paramount Theater from the very capable hands of Mr. Fay Reeder, who was transferred to the publicity department of Fox West Coast Theaters.

Mr. Reeder was tremendously popular with the employees and numerous patrons and his leaving created a void that it was thought would be impossible to fill. Particularly by an unknown quantity, at least to the staff.

It wasn't long before Mr. Seidenberg proved that he exemplified the spirit of the city from which he had been transferred, Philadelphia—the city of brotherly love.

This week Mr. Seidenberg resigned from his post at the Paramount and his loss was felt as keenly by the employees and others who he had come in contact with.

The crew hastily organized a voluntary collection and veteran member Esther Kelly Steffens and assistant manager Eddie Howard were delegated to purchase a suitable memento of the true affection the staff held for him. Last Tuesday they presented him with a pair of engraved gold cuff links.

Mr. Seidenberg has been replaced by Mr. Herman Kerksen, formerly manager of the Fox Theater in San Francisco, and at one time East Bay Divisional Manager.

Mr. Kerksen is comparatively well known and liked here and we look forward to resuming the amicable relations that existed when he was here before.

Mr. Reeder has taken over management of the Fox in San Francisco in addition to his publicity duties.

Up and down the aisle . . . **Richard Wright** of the Elmwood door, currently in the hospital . . . Former member **Tom Baptista**, working the vacation relief for **Giovanni D'Asaro** at the Broadway . . . **Marion Tribe**, leaving the head usherette spot at the T & D . . . **Viola Dueball** of the Elmwood, recently married. We didn't get the new name . . . **Jerry Boone** of the Alameda, now sporting two new uniforms.

LOCAL BUILDERS of new homes will be visited before June 30 by interviewers of the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics as part of a nation-wide survey of the kind of houses and apartments being constructed in representative cities and towns.

Watch It With Watchmakers

Watchmaker Allen Now on Vacation

By MILDRED HEFFERNAN
In the absence of George Allen

I did hear from Mr. Allen after the closing of the international convention. However, there is nothing to report other than that the convention is over and Mr. Allen and his family are now vacation bound. Mr. Allen will give a full report of the convention proceedings to the members at their membership meetings.

I know that you all join me in wishing the Allen family a wonderful vacation. I sincerely hope that Mr. Allen has learned from past experience not to read newspapers or signs while on vacation, because I recall that on his last vacation he found it very difficult to relax due to some of the conditions he found existing in the industry in other parts of the country.

While on the subject of unethical practices in the industry, I would like to add that a representative of the Watchmakers of Switzerland was in the office a while back and remarked that this area was the cleanest area he had encountered insofar as unethical practices are concerned. He highly commended Mr. Allen for his accomplishments as he realized such conditions can only be maintained by untiring effort.

MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS NOTICE: — SAN FRANCISCO-BAY AREA MEMBERS. Your next membership meeting will be held in August.

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Ladies' Shoe Firm Has to Pay a Fine

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) — A federal judge fined Cangemi-Karten, Inc., $350 for wilful violations of the wage-hour law. The firm manufactures ladies' shoes.

Guilty pleas were entered by the corporation to seven counts charging failure to pay proper overtime, maintaining false time records and shipping goods in interstate commerce in violation of the overtime provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

JOHN F. SHELLEY, Democrat,, S. F. Congressman announced that among 25 bills which he introduced in Congress recently were nine (9) to liberalize the Refugee Relief Act of 1953.

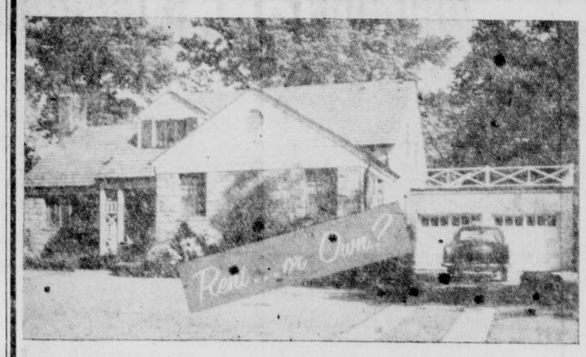
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Stage 107 BA Has A Phone Recorder

By WILLIAM PELKEY

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Dan McLaine, the former manager of the Grand Lake theater, is the owner and manager of the theater I am now working at, the Embassy theater in San Francisco. Mr. McLaine managed the G. L. from 1926 to 1929. The reason in mentioning this is Mr. McLaine was telling me about a former member, now deceased Jack Kyley. Jack Kyley was the first stage hand to be employed at the G. L. as a maintenance man. Mr. McLaine also told me a few secrets about a well known cashier at the Paramount theater. Don't worry, I won't tell.

1200 DELEGATES attended the three-day legislative conference held in Washington recently by the National Federation of Post Office Clerks.

State Convention Hotel: Lafayette

The Lafayette Hotel in Long Beach has been named headquarters hotel for the 1956 convention of the California State Federation of Labor, says the State Federation Newsletter.

The 1956 convention will be held in Long Beach, August 13-17.

All convention sessions will be held in the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium.

Hotel reservations by affiliates will be made directly with the Convention Bureau of Long Beach, whose address is Municipal Auditorium, Long Beach.

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WAHSINGTON (AFLCIO) — The AFLCIO told the Senate Commerce Committee that the best interest of the public lies in the continuance and improvement of the present system of free television rather than in the introduction of a system under which viewers would pay for their entertainment.

Testifying at hearings on the desirability of establishing a system of paid TV, Andrew J. Biemiller, AFLCIO legislative representative, declared that "this drastic proposal runs directly contrary to the basic tenets of the American system of broadcasting. At no time has the American public, whose investment in television sets has reached $16 billion, been told it would have to pay for the privilege of watching television programs."

Bolivian Laborite Will 'Show World'

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — North, Central and South America, through the organizations of their workers, will "show the world what a continent of free men can do," Nuflo Chavez, Bolivian labor and political leader, told a group of AFLCIO officials and staff members.

Chavez, a member of the executive board of the Bolivian Confederation of Labor, had resigned the day before as Bolivian Minister of Rural Affairs to run for vice president as the candidate of the incumbent National Revolutionary Movement party in the May elections.

He spoke briefly in Spanish at a luncheon in his honor given by the AFLCIO. Representatives of the State and Labor Departments and the International Cooperation Administration also were guests, as were Bolivian Ambassador Victor Andrade and some of his staff. AFLCIO Latin American Representative Serafino Romualdi translated.

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County Taxpayer Association Strong for the School Bonds

Following a thorough study by its research staff, the Alameda County Taxpayers Association has added its strong endorsement for passage of School Bond Proposal L at the June 5 election.

Action was taken unanimously by the association's board of directors to support a recommendation made by its Oakland Citizens School Study Committee, according to Mrs. Geraldine C. Morris, executive vice-president.

The board also urged the support of the measure by the citizens and voters of Oakland in addition to its own membership, Mrs. Morris continued.

She noted "prior objections of the Alameda County Taxpayers Association have been resolved by the changes in administrative procedures and the findings and report of the Citizens' Committee for Better Schools."

"Our Research Staff has thoroughly investigated methods for meeting this expenditure and recommended the over-all construction by a 25-year bond payment plan, thereby spreading the cost to participating taxpayers," said a resolution adopted by the association.

"Maximum use of the construction dollar is evidenced by the Citizens' Committee report in the planned housing for Oakland school children, therefore be it resolved:

"That upon the findings submitted by the association's Oakland Citizens School Study Committee and the association's Research Staff, the Board of Directors of the Alameda County Taxpayers Association Inc. unanimously endorse the proposed forty million dollar Bond Issue designated as Proposition L on the June 5 ballot and urges the support of this measure by its members and all Oakland citizens and voters."

Meany Sends Wire To Peruvian Labor

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — A telegram of congratulations on the sweeping victory of democratic forces at the recent convention of the Peruvian Confederation of Labor (CTP) has been sent the veteran leader, Arturo Sabroso, by AFL-CIO President George Meany.

"We salute the return of the glorious Peruvian Confederation of Labor to the family of the international free labor movement," Meany said in his wire, "and congratulate you for the victory against totalitarian forces and on your election as secretary-general."

The convention, held in Lima, was the first in eight years. During that time the Peruvian government had forced the CTP into inactivity and exiled or imprisoned most of its leaders.

Chairman O. A. Knight of the AFLCIO Subcommittee on Latin American Affairs, who also is president of the Oil, Chemical & Atomic Workers and an AFL-CIO vice president; Serafino Romualdi, executive secretary of the subcommittee, and leaders of ORIT and the ICFTU also cabled congratulations to Sabroso and his associates.

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Private Group to Help World Urged

WASHINGTON — Rep. Victor L. Anfuso, liberal Democrat from Brooklyn, called for a private international organization be set up to aid democratic political parties and groups throughout the free world in fighting international Communism. There is now no such organization.

He told Labor's Daily he felt it important that organized labor play a leading role in forming and supporting such a group, plans for which are now in their early stages.

Such an organization should be composed of representatives from "every facet of life and activity of the free nations, which can provide the necessary resources and the wealth to aid the forces of freedom in every country threatened by Communism," he said.

This was part of a six-point program he made in a report to Congress on the parliamentary conference in Paris last summer of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. Anfuso was a member of the United States Congressional delegation appointed by House Speaker Sam Rayburn. Rep. Wayne Hays (D., O.) was chairman of the delegation.—Labor's Daily.

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Labor Discusses Mideast Problem

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AFLCIO) — Executive Council called on the Free World to "thwart" an "immediate threat to peace" in the Middle East resulting from shipment of arms to Egypt "by at once supplying Israel with the weapons it needs to offset the increased offensive strength of any possible aggressor."

Urging United Nations action and U. S. leadership "in pledging generous economic and technical assistance," a statement of the Council also declared:

"The United Nations should seek a solution of the problems in this area in compliance with the following Five Principles: —Mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty, non-aggression, non-interference in internal affairs, equality and peaceful relations.

"To achieve this goal, the United Nations should establish a permanent Commission of Five to Preserve Peace in the Middle East. This Commission should be composed of small neutral nations, not having any direct interest in the area. It should be empowered to: (a) survey the national defense needs of each country and recommend the military establishment required for its national security; (b) inspect periodically these establishments with a view to assuring their continued defensive character . . .

"The UN should set up an initial fund of $500,000,000 to be expended for the solution of the Arab refugee problem . . .

"The Economic and Social Council of the UN, the appropriate UN technical agencies and the ILO together with the respective governments, shall prepare a program for improving the living standards and well-being of the peoples in this region, through increasing their agricultural and industrial efficiency, raising their purchasing power, and assuring them an equitable share in the benefits accruing from the development of the great natural resources (oil) of the Middle East."

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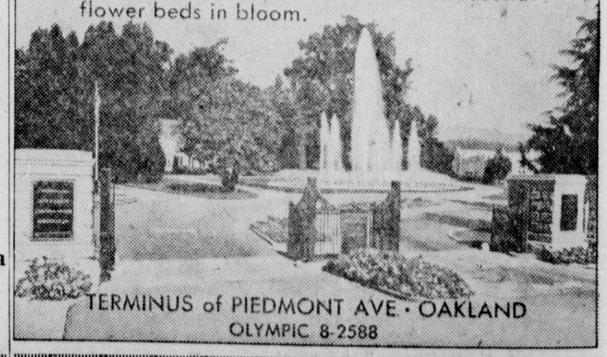
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Now that East Bay Labor Journal is amply entitled to to celebrate its thirtieth anniversary, having been founded in 1926, it is interesting to relate the history of the paper and of the labor movement in general with the story of Presidential elections.

The change has been great during those three decades. Incidentally, 10 years of its existence the paper has spent under Republican Presidents, and just twice that many years under Democratic Presidents.

1928: Al Smith vs. Herbert Hoover

Turn to our issue of November 2, 1928, when the paper had been published for two years under the Presidency of Calvin Coolidge.

Al Smith, Democrat, was running against Herbert Hoover, Republican. On the front page of that issue the announcement was made under big headlines that in the next Tuesday's election, "the choosing of a President is the paramount issue . . . The American Federation has not endorsed any candidate in the Presidential race; internationals, State bodies, councils, local unions, and individuals within local unions may have given their endorsement to one or the other of the Presidential candidates, but no official endorsement has been made by the parent body, so that labor vote, so far as the AFL is concerned, will be left to individual decision."

There must have been a good deal of "individual decision," even among labor people, on the Republican side of the fence, for:

The results in California were—Votes for Hoover: 1,162,323; for Smith: 611,365.

1932: Roosevelt vs. Hoover

When four years had elapsed, the stock market had collapsed, and there was much unemployment, Franklin D. Roosevelt was running against Hoover. Featured on page one of our November 4, 1932 issue were these headlines: "AFL Says Voting by Every Trade Unionist is Vital This Year: Non-partisan Campaign Committee Declares Conditions of Three Years Make It Imperative that Friends of Labor Be Given United Support at Polls."

But there's not a hint as to just who the "friends of Labor" are. And an editorial on page two started off as follows:

"That the 6000 men who are to be employed on the Bay bridge and the men who are now employed on the $2,000,000 construction project at Benton air field, in Alameda and the $800,000 new Federal base at Government Island can thank the relief measures put into operation by the Government was the message which Charles Gurney, secretary and business manager of the Building Trades Council took to a series of labor rallies arranged in the various parts of the county yesterday . . . Gurney also referred to the action of President Hoover in providing for the 5-day week, 6-hour day on all public road work financed by the Government and the act which prohibits the counterfeiting of union labels as instances of the support which the President has given organized labor."

But the election results in California, despite these things cited in the editorial column were—Votes for Roosevelt: 1,324,157; for Hoover: 847,907.



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1936: Roosevelt vs. Landon

Four years rolled by, the New Deal had been pounding along in high gear. East Bay Labor Journal, then 10 years old, made no bones about whom it wished to see elected.

Our October 30, 1936 issue had a picture of Franklin D. Roosevelt on page one, and one of the headlines proclaimed the fact that "President Signs 47 Bills Beneficial to Labor Enacted by 73d and 74th Sessions of United States Congress."

Turn to page two of that issue and you find this paper's first emphatic declaration for a candidate in the Presidential race. It's headed "Election Is Our Business," and it concludes with these alarm-bell ringing words: "If we want to see Roosevelt elected again, let us go to bat for him and defend him against all comers." In an earlier paragraph the editorial declared that "from all parts of the country come reports of labor organizations endorsing Roosevelt, while we have yet to hear of a single bonafide labor organization that has taken such action in favor of Landon."

The November 6 issue announced gleefully in a headline on page one: "Roosevelt Swamps Candidate Landon." The story declared that "organized labor turned out en masse last Tuesday to vote Franklin D. Roosevelt back to the White House again."

The results in California were—Votes for Roosevelt: 1,766,836; for Landon: 836,431.

1940: Roosevelt vs. Willkie

In the 1940 election the endorsements given by the AFL Political League of Alameda County were in a big box on page one, with Franklin D. Roosevelt for President and Henry A. Wallace for Vice President heading the list. That was in the November 1 issue which also displayed a large picture of Mr. Roosevelt with the heading, "Labor Rallies to Support Greatest Leader," and the caption stating that "AFL Members will go to the polls Tuesday and reelect the greatest leader America has sent to the White House . . . Laboring people do remember what he has done for them."

Results in California—Votes for Roosevelt: 1,877,618; for Willkie: 1,351,419. The figures show that the Republican strength was rising.

1944: Roosevelt vs. Dewey

November 3, 1944, there was the box announcing on page one that Franklin D. Roosevelt for President and Harry S. Truman for Vice President were the candidates endorsed by the AFL Political Committee here, but there was no editorial.

In the following issue Bob Ash declared that labor had won a great victory in the reelection of Mr. Roosevelt. But that year organized labor in California was so busy defeating Proposition 12, the "Right to Work" measure, that the Presidential campaign played second fiddle.

Results in California—Votes for Roosevelt: 1,988,561; for Dewey: 1,512,965. You can see the GOP was holding a lot of strength.

Now the Stormwinds of 1956 Hit Reunited House of Labor

1948: Truman vs. Dewey

Next came the "miracle" election when practically everybody in the country but Harry Truman said he didn't have a chance. But he went out and licked 'em all: the GOP, the Dixiecrats, and the IPP.

In the October 29, 1948 issue of this paper, for the first time in a Presidential election the State Federation of Labor turned up on page one as endorsing the Presidential and Vice Presidential candidates: Harry S. Truman and Alben W. Barkley.

A front page editorial was headed: "We'll Win If We Just Vote!" And by heck, we did vote!

For in the next issue, that of November 5, 1948, huge headlines on page one proclaimed: "Truman and Labor Carry Presidency, Governors, both Houses of Congress." Front page had a picture of Truman, too, with this heading: "Here Is That Valiant Man Who Led the People Against the Pollsters."

Also, there was a big story headed: "President Sweeps Alameda County."

On the editorial page there was an editorial headed: "A Word To Our Friends Who Sat Out The Great Campaign." This editorial named prominent heads of international unions, also local labor leaders, who had played cozy with Dewey and the Republicans, and had in no way helped at Armageddon when the miracle election was won.

"We call attention to the stands taken by these brethren of ours in organized labor," said that editorial, "not in a spirit of unforgiving bitterness, because we intend to live with them, and do our best to get along with them in the

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High Court Holds For Labor 4 Times

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — The U. S. Supreme Court in a series of cases has upheld union positions on picketing, Walsh-Healey, bargaining and non-Communist affidavits.

In separate actions the Court took these steps:

1. Rules that a Louisiana court overstepped its bounds in banning picketing because a union was not in compliance with Taft-Hartley Act requirements.

2. Agreed to hear arguments next term on whether the NLRB may refuse to serve a union whose officer has been convicted of falsely filing a non-Communist affidavit.

3. Upheld a lower court order that a company must bargain with a union on an employe stock purchase plan.

4. Affirmed the right of the Secretary of Labor to determine a single nation-wide prevailing wage under the Walsh-Healey Act for the woolen and worsted industry.

California Labor Is 40% Organized

About 40 percent of all non-agricultural wage and salary workers are union members. The ratio in the San Francisco-Oakland metropolitan area is 51 percent; in the Los Angeles-Long Beach metropolitan area 37 percent; in San Diego County, 39 percent.

The figures are given in the State Department of Industrial Relations report on "Labor Unions in California: 1955" recently published.

The report shows that among 108 AFL national and international unions in the United States, 96 were active in California, having 2,713 locals in the state.

Among 30 CIO national and international unions in the United States, 26 were active in California, having 320 locals in the state.

Geo. Meany Asks Action on Housing

WASHINGTON (AFLCIO) — AFLCIO President George Meany told the House Banking and Currency Committee that three features of pending housing legislation are "absolutely essential" and should be enacted in the present session of Congress.

In a letter Meany called for immediate enactment of:

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future. Some of them have certainly done wonderful things for organized labor and for the American people in general. But we do feel they should wake up. They should face reality along with the vast majority of us in the AFL. And Harry Truman and the vast majority of the labor people of this country have shown that they know what the big and emergent reality is. It is the departure of organized labor from the holes and corners of peanut politics to the enlarged arena of national and global statesmanship."

But the figures showed how obdurately for some quadrennia the GOP had kept polling a high vote in California. This "miracle" election was the high water mark of the great tide of labor and other votes for liberalism—the high water mark psychologically. But the number of high labor leaders who were cited in the editorial just mentioned as deserting the good ship New Deal-Fair Deal gave a hint of what was to come 4 years later.

Results in California in 1948—Votes for Truman: 1,913,134; for Dewey: 1,512,965.

1952: Stevenson vs. Eisenhower

Page one of this paper dated October 31, 1952 had pictures of labor's candidates, Adlai Stevenson and John J. Sparkman. On the last page there was an 8-column editorial headed: "Eisenhower Backed by Big Brass, Big Business Gang! Go to the Polls Tuesday, Vote for Labor, Adlai!"

Story after story in that issue dwelt on the preparations labor was making to get out the vote.

But the next issue, that of November 7, 1952, carried on page one this big headline: "New Deal Is Defeated by Old Guard," and told of Adlai saying when he received the bad news in Springfield that he felt like quoting Abraham Lincoln of Springfield who said once when he suffered a defeat: "I feel like a little boy who stubbed his toe in the dark. He was too old to cry and it hurt too much to laugh."

For the first time since 1932, when Hoover was defeated by Franklin D. Roosevelt, California had gone Republican in a Presidential election.

In the November 14, 1952 issue East Bay Labor summed up the matter editorially, beginning with this statement:

"Much as we were disappointed by the results of last week's Presidential election, we cannot go along with those who express their dissatisfaction by proclaiming to all and sundry that the majority of the voters acted like a bunch of idiots. The truth is that the voters of his country were in that election submitted to a very severe test. We're sorry that they failed to meet the test, but considering average human nature to be what it is, we do not consider this so very surprising."

The editorial then cited six reasons the voters were confused, beginning with "the hot war in Korea, with no seeming end to it in sight," and concluding with "the rise of a new generation which has lived under comfortable circumstances economically, and cannot know the seriousness of the mess from which the New Deal rescued us."

The editorial went on to say:

"It is true that there must have been something adolescent, even childish, in the psychology of voters who thought that a successful General wearing a smile and an air of confidence could be put into one's pocket and carried about as a magic talisman to rescue all of us from all these difficulties.

"But all of us are adolescent, and sometimes even childish, when we get away from our specific craft or set of

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WASHINGTON — The tiny minority of trade union officials tainted with corruption and wrongdoing will be eradicated from the ranks of the labor movement, AFLCIO President George Meany predicted.

Dedicating the new International Association of Machinists headquarters building in Washington, Meany declared:

"We are proud of the good name of our trade union movement. We are proud of its accomplishments over the years for the workers of our country and for our nation itself.

"Just as we have destroyed the enemies from without who tried so desperately to destroy the labor movement, so we will defeat the enemies from within whose wrongdoings can undermine the effectiveness of everything good that we are trying to accomplish."

Meany's words underscored IAM President Al J. Hayes' earlier remarks that "we dedicate ourselves further to the task of reducing to the lowest possible minimum those blemishes in the organized labor movement which not only hinder our progress but which have been so effectively exploited by those who choose to oppose us."

'White Citizens' Against Unionism

NEW YORK (AFLCIO) —The chairman of the AFLCIO Committee on Civil Rights warned that the real aim of the "great recruiting effort among union members" now being conducted by the white citizens councils in the South is "seducing the union man into fighting his union."

Speaking before the Jewish Labor Committee's second national trade union conference on civil rights, AFLCIO Vice President James B. Carey said that if the white citizens councils are successful "it would mean an end to unionism in the South."

"Standards of living would decline for the working man and economic progress would stagnate," he continued. "Social progress would end. Such a disaster would have a terrible effect even on the Northern working man."

This consideration, he declared, is one of the important reasons why the American labor movement is dedicated to a "permanent, uncompromisable" policy of "complete equality."

Carey was one of a score of speakers from the AFLCIO affiliated unions before the three-day anti-bias conference at the Belmont Plaza Hotel. About 300 delegates from 18 international unions, 55 locals, joint boards and councils and nine civil rights and fraternal organizations participated.

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104th Anniversary Of Typographical Union is Observed

While East Bay Labor Journal is celebrating its thirtieth anniversary, the International Typographical Union is observing its 104th. It is the oldest union in the country.

O. L. Crain, labor historian, and for 30 years a member of the ITU, writes about the founding 104 years ago of the famous band of skilled craftsmen, in the May 5 issue of Labors Daily.

The organization was formed in the council chambers of the Cincinnati City Hall on May 5, 1852. Sixteen years had passed since the first effort to form a national society of printers was made, and since then there had been several meetings of printers from various parts of the country.

But in 1851, 30 men from 12 cities had met at Baltimore and after three days had adopted this resolution:

"After mature deliberation we are fully convinced that the most practicable and speedy method of attaining the various objects sought to be effected for the relief and benefit of the craft will be found in the organization of a National Printers Union."

A committee drafted a constitution with the provision that as soon as unions in five States had ratified it, a national union would be formed. The historic May 5, 1852 meeting in Cincinnati was accordingly held after 7 States had ratified, and the union formed.

There were 16 local unions represented, but representatives of two of them had to withdraw as charters were being issued because their memberships hadn't given official sanction yet. Baltimore, the oldest local, felt it was entitled to Charter No. 1, but it was finally decided that numbers 1 to 14 be placed in a hat and drawn out by the locals' delegates.

The numbers were drawn as follows: 1. Indianapolis, 2. Philadelphia, 3. Cincinnati, 4. Albany, 5. Columbus, 6. New York, 7. Pittsburgh, 8. St. Louis, 9. Buffalo, 10. Louisville, 11. Memphis, 12. Baltimore, 13. Boston, and 14. Harrisburg.

It is to be noted that the farthest town West was St. Louis, on the Mississippi. Now, of course, the ITU has locals all over the U. S. and Canada.

Labors Daily, itself one of the institutions established by the ITU, said in an editorial noting the 104th anniversary:

"Despite the fact that it is one of the most skilled of the craft unions, the ITU's leadership saw the urgent need of industrial unions and gave strong support to the formation of the Committee for Industrial Organizations, which a short time later became the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

"ITU President Charles P. Howard, with John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers, fought shoulder to shoulder at several conventions of the AFL to convince the delegates of the need of vertical unions if the mass industries were to be organized.

"Howard was first secretary of the CIO and Lewis its first president."

Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Classic Elections In This Paper's 3 Decades of Life!

(Continued from Page 6)

skills. Most voters, busy making love, earning a living, being laboriously amused by the commercial forms of entertainment, burying the dead, and carrying on all the rest of life's activities, are as ill informed about the art of government as General Eisenhower himself. And so when he comes along with that smile, and that air of confidence, a lot of us vote for him, and we all have to chute the chutes together . . . Those of us who think we know what is going on, and what ought to be done about it, need to take more seriously the task of keeping our fellow union members informed—not just a few days before a national election, but all the time, every week of the year."

The 1952 results in California—Votes for Stevenson: 2,197,548; for Eisenhower: 2,897,310.

1956: WHO vs. WHOM

That's the story of East Bay Labor Journal in relation to the great Presidential campaigns of the past 30 years.

We feel on reviewing it that it's to a large degree the story of labor and its growth of political consciousness, or what this paper in its 1948 editorial, already cited, called "the departure of organized labor from the holes and corners of peanut politics to the enlarged arena of national and global statesmanship."

In the Presidential election of this year 1956, when Who runs against Whom, it will be interesting to see how organized labor, with its reunited strength, comports itself in the renewed great tests of its awareness of what is going on.

And our readers know in advance that East Bay Labor Journal will be in there pitching when Who runs against Whom!

Watchmaker's Wife Talks to Burglar

Mildred Heffernan, office secretary for Secretary George F. Allen of the Watchmaker, tells this one:

Every once in a while a story comes over my desk that I feel the members would enjoy, and I believe I heard one just about like that last week.

One of our members came into the office to leave his written excuse as to why he could not be in attendance at the regular membership meeting—and even to me, this was an entirely new one.

We shall leave him anonymous and trust his wife does not read this column and thus undo what has been accomplished.

It seems as though the Mrs. had gone shopping with their offspring, only to fiind the door to their apt-flat locked with the night chain, upon endeavoring to enter. Knowing their family consisted of only three, she quite naturally assumed that her watchmaker husband had returned home early and had inadvertently put the chain on the door. Hearing quite a bit of noise in the house, she had to shout her demands for entrance many times, directing her pleas for admittance to her spouse by name.

Suddenly all went quiet and by now the Mrs. had reached the boiling point and was quite certain her spouse had been doing a bit of celebrating and perhaps fallen asleep. So around the back she goes with their offspring, bundles and dander really up—all prepared to really give that husband of hers a good piece of her mind.

But lo and behold, upon entering the house, she found it completely ransacked, even to the point of her kitchen cupboards, to which she quickly went. This was where she had been keeping her pin money, and it was gone! For the first time, realization that she had been talking to a burglar dawned upon her and in near panic, she quickly telephoned her husband to come home, which he did, and together they reported the incident to the authorities. Nothing had been taken but the cash, the existence of which had been carefully hidden from even the husband, up until that time.

Excuse for non-attendance of meeting? Mrs. has had a severe fright and is reluctant to be left alone. Hubby? Finds his slippers waiting for him each night—says he is being treated like a king, but is a bit disturbed over the present situation. He is not sure which he prefers—his slippers waiting for him at night—or being able to get out nights.

To you members I might suggest that if having your slippers waiting for you each night appeals to you—you might try hiring a burglar. Even if you don't get slipper service, you will at least find out where your spouse hides her pin mony.

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'Letter Writers' Help Reds Wiggle Out of the Ditch

The Peoples World continues to wash its dirty linen through the guise of letters to the editor, none signed, except by XYZ, DC, SB, etc.

One of these "letter writers" speaks sharply of "the utter failure of top Communist Party leadership to give a self-critical picture of their own roles and activities" during the years Joe Stalin was boss. The same "letter" speaks of "omissions and distortions in the positions of existing party leadership."

Another, signing the interesting initials SB, says that long ago there should have been "a more mature attitude towards the Soviet Union taken by writers, journalists, orators, party leaders, and ordinary rank-and-filers in propagandizing."

Telling about how a party worker, if he dared in the past to whisper that something, just one little thing, wasn't 100% perfect in the Land of Promise, was denounced for "not buying official Boy Scout equipment," he adds:

"It was almost as if a man, to prove that he was happily married, always had to say how beautiful his wife is, how they never quarrel, no problems exist in their relationship. Yet we know that a happy marriage is built by quarrels, and sweat, and work, and disagreements."

SB concludes by requesting an editorial in the Peoples World "asking the Soviet Union to provide us with specific details about issues now in question as speedily as possible . . . I, for one, would like to know in detail, where Kruschev and Bulganin were while Stalin was practicing his 'cult.'"

Labor people who have long studied the tricks and turns of Commie maneuvering feel that the party's organ in the Bay Area is putting on a very clever imitation of free discussion in its effort to wiggle out of its latest embarrassing position.

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OPINIONS

SAYS CONTRACT DOESN'T MAKE A PAPER 'GOOD'

Editor, Labor Journal:

The May 4 issue of East Bay Labor Journal printed a letter written by the business representative of Newsdrivers No. 96. in which he stated that his local union disapproved of a Labor Journal item relative to the editorials of several East Bay newspapers.

He further implies that any paper which does not have a working agreement with a labor organization is not a "good paper". Can this business representative honestly say that the Oakland Tribune or any paper is a "good paper" simply because they have a working agreement with Local No. 96?

If such a statement is true then it is also true that any paper regardless of the quality of its product, is a "bad paper" because it does **not** have an agreement with a labor organization.

Has this agreement with the Tribune caused it to change its anti-labor policies? No! The Tribune and any other paper of its ilk has signed working agreements because they cannot function any other way.

When these other non-union papers reach that circulation stage they will be forced into a working agreement with labor. Not because they have suddenly become more civic minded but because it will be the only way they can operate and show a profit.

In the meantime, I believe any paper, union or non-union, can be a "good paper" if it reports accurately, and the editorials are without deceit, pretense or hypocrisy.

I am an active member of a housepainters local union, and I have always hoped to see the day when every working person will be organized into a union. However, labor has its shortcomings. Among us, we too have the misfits and the insincere, and until these undesirable elements are eliminated from our movement I do not believe that any **thinking** person can give his carte blanche approval to any business merely because it has a working agreement with some union.

Fraternally yours,
BEN RASNICK,
Members of Painters
Local No. 40

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THANKS!

The top smear artists of the Democratic Party have long charged Republicans . . . with being antilabor. The facts are to the contrary. Republicans gave the worker the Taft-Hartley Act. . . . — Rep. Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.).

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EDITORIALS

A Law Can Kill A Contract: Pick Good Lawmakers June 5!

Only ten days intervene between the date of this issue of East Bay Labor Journal and the primary election of June 5.

It is to be hoped that labor people will go to the polls in great numbers on that day, for, as Dr. Laurance L. Cross says, quoting some labor friend, "every thing you can win in a contract you can lose by a law." If we refrain from voting when the candidates for making laws are up before us for selection, we cannot complain justly if our negligence permits men to be elected who will see to it that a law takes away from us what we have won in a contract.

Certainly on June 5 the people of Alameda county have ample opportunity to select the makers of laws. Six Assembly seats, two seats in the House of Representatives, and one seat in the U. S. Senate are to be filled, or, in some cases, we hope, emptied and refilled!

East Bay Labor Journal runs in this issue, as in several previous issues, the slate of candidates recommended by the Alameda County Voters League-AFL. You might wish to take that list to the polls with you. If not, okay. But be sure to go to the polls, Tuesday, June 5.

Are Democracies Not Quite Bright?

Organized labor's leaders, as we mentioned last week in discussing the different attitudes of George Meany and Walter Reuther toward India, have been taking an increasing interest in the foreign policy of the United States. The New York Times in an editorial on this same Meany-Reuther discussion, has suggested that perhaps labor leaders ought to refrain from public discussion of our foreign policy.

We cannot agree with this suggestion of the New York Times. The better we labor people understand foreign affairs, and the relation of our country to them, the better. Discussion of the subject by our leaders calls our attention to it, and sets our own minds going.

Some people claim that a democracy is sure to muddle its foreign policy precisely because there is so much public discussion, and so little privately conducted diplomacy, that the totalitarian governments have an immense advantage. It is encouraging to learn that Dexter Perkins, professor of American Civilization at Cornell University, an authority on diplomatic history, thinks that our Government, chosen by democratic methods, has during the past 40 years in the conduct of foreign policy, "played a worthy role." He contends that "the more we contrast" the record of our foreign policy leaders during those 40 years "with the record of the totalitarians, the better it seems; and, wholly apart from the fact that, in any case, we have a popular government and mean to keep it, there seems no reason to believe that the people are more prone to make mistakes than any particular group or element in society."

This distinguished scholar rejects the idea that an elite capable of handling our foreign affairs, without checking with the people, could be formed out of "the business classes . . . the technical experts . . . the academics . . . the newspaper columnists."

Dexter Perkins says that he distrusts "all elitism, however presented . . . the free men of the West are not sheep to be driven; they will not be driven. They must find the path to wisdom for themselves, through leadership that understands and represents them."

Obviously, Dexter Perkins would take it for granted that our trusted and representative labor leadership has a right to discuss foreign affairs with us, and that it is one of our proper concerns to listen, and do some thinking of our own.

The Fund for Adult Education, the independent organization founded by the Ford Foundation in 1951, is to be congratulated on having made possible the giving of Dexter Perkins' "Popular Government and Foreign Policy" lectures and the printing of them in the handsome brochure just received by East Bay Labor Journal.

Important Local Issues June 5

Two subjects come up for decision in the election June 5 which are of great importance locally. One is the school bonds for Oakland, and other is the question of whether or not citizens should give up the right to vote for county officials.

Labor people have sat on the committees planning the school bond program, and are working hard to have the bonds carry. These labor people have shared in putting out the statement that "this $40,000,000 program is a minimum, essential requirement. It has been strictly limited to the barest needs . . . The simple present fact is that Oakland schools are crowded and inadequate and becoming more so every day."

The other issue, that of whether or not the people of Alameda county shall give up their right to vote on county officials, is embodied in a series of proposed amendments to the county charter. If those amendments carry, the following offices would cease to be elective: Surveyor, Treasurer, Collector, Recorder, Clerk, Auditor, and Coroner.

Vote against those amendments, and you are voting to retain your right as a citizen to keep check on your county officials. This suject has been thoroughly discussed by the Central Labor Council, and the idea of giving up the voters' right to the Board of Supervisors, and letting the Supervisors replace the voters as choosers of county administrative officials, was emphatically voted down by the CLC delegates. It should be voted down by the citizens at the polls on June 5.

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Dispute Gets Hot In Tulare-Kings

The Tulare-Kings Counties Building Trades Council has written to the Central Labor Council about its dispute, now in the third year, with the California Association of Employers. Secretary M. L. Lawrence says that the struggle has now reached a crucial stage, due to difficulties connected with lime, gypsum, and cement supplies to contractors.

"It behooves us of labor," writes Lawrence, "to adopt a program of cooperation in dealing with this problem of non-cooperative material suppliers."

Many unions and councils have been contributing to the fund for the carrying on of the struggle.

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NOTICE OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PURCHASE AND SALE OF REAL PROPERTY DEEDED TO THE STATE FOR DELINQUENT TAXES.

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Tax Collector of the County of Alameda, State of California, in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 8, Sections 3797, 3798 and 3799 of the Revenue and Taxation Code and the written authorization and direction of the State Controller, dated May 4, 1956, as follows:

That the City Council of the City of Oakland has entered into an agreement with the Board of Supervisors of Alameda County, State of California, subject to approval by the State Controller, for the purchase of certain tax-deeded property described in said agreement; and

That the State Controller has approved said agreement and a copy is on file in the office of the Board of Supervisors;

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Deed Nos. 125657 and 125658. In the City of Oakland, A Re-sub of Pinehaven, Lots 6 and 7, Block 7432/R. Account No. 48G-7432-28. Last assessed to Ethel Abbot. Minimum price $351.00

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Seoane, Coate Win In School Votes

In the school trustee elections May 18 organized labor came off well.

In the Decoto elementary school district Joseph Seaone of the AFLCIO Chemical Workers, incumbent, was reelected.

In the Hayward high school district Robert L. Coate, backed by the Southern Alameda County Voters League-AFL, got 3059 votes, defeating the incumbent, Al M. Alton, who got 1384 votes.

Committee of Attorneys Back Judge J. G. Quinn

County-wide attorneys' committees to support the re-election of Judge James G. Quinn to Alameda County Superior Court, Office No. 1, was announced by the campaign committee.

Head of the groups of attorneys in various parts of the county are: Southern county, Judge Edward A. Quaresma; Berkeley, Arthur Harris; Piedmont, Louis R. Weinman and Matt Wahraftig; Albany, Robert J. Foley; Pleasanton, Charles Gale.

NONFARM HOUSING starts rose 10 percent from March to April, the U. S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Haggerty on Panel At Catholic Meet

Catholic women in the trade unions here are looking forward to the two-day program sponsored by the National Council of Catholic Women in San Francisco May 25-26. The silver jubilee of Pope Pius XI's historic "Quadragesimo Anno" issued May 15, 1931, during the worldwide depression—will be observed.

The meeting, under the general theme, "Papal Social Plan," will open tonight (Friday) with a panel in Mission Dolores auditorium, 16th and Church streets, San Francisco, and conclude with an address by Bishop Hugh A. Donohoe at a luncheon session tomorrow (Saturday) in the Fairmont Hotel.

The public is invited to the panel tonight at 8:15, which will be a discussion of how the social encyclical of Pope Pius XI can be applied to many of the problems of modern industrial society. State Federation of Labor Secretary C. J. Haggerty is a member of the panel.

COUNTY FAIR Association has issued its annual invitation to home canners to rush preparation of their entries for the 1956 Alameda County Fair, scheduled to open a 14-day run at Pleasanton fairgrounds June 22.

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More Trouble In Employment Dept.

Frank Goodban has resigned as manager of the Modesto office of the California State Department of Employment in a letter to State Director of Employment H. W. Stewart, according to Labors Daily.

Labors Daily reported in its May 16 issue that Goodban describes Director Stewart as "a pensioner from Shell Oil who did not know the first thing about running the department."

Goodban, who has been with the department for 17 years, says that the department is top heavy with employer representation and as a result the unemployed are suffering. He adds that "civil service procedures have been relegated to a new low through rigged and fixed examinations."

Stewart was made director after Governor Knight found that organized labor wouldn't let up on criticism of Bill Burkett, the former director. Burkett put out enormous quantities of press releases, telling what a wonderful job he was doing; Stewart operates much more quietly, with very few press releases.

Goodban told Labors Daily that the commercial press of California has been strangely silent about his resignation and the charges he makes. He recently called on Governor Knight in Sacramento to tell his story to the Governor.

GEORGE MEANY, AFLCIO head, has written to Salvation Army National Commander Donald McMillan expressing pleasure that National Salvation Army Week is being observed May 20-27, and expressing "the warm regard and sincere respect the working people of this country have for your organization."

'Tell 'em you saw it in the East Bay Labor Journal!

Merge Convention Following State Fed Meet Planned

State AFLCIO merger negotiations will be resumed July 17-19 in San Francisco, it was announced following the quarterly meeting of the California State Federation of Labor executive council in Hollywood.

C. J. Haggerty, secretary-treasurer of the state AFL organization, said both organizations were satisfied with the progress of the discussions. The 19-member merger committee met in Hollywood, just prior to the state AFL session, says the State Federation Newsletter.

The AFL executive council voted to request convention authority for calling of a special merger convention following the annual State Federation convention to be held in Long Beach August 13-17.

Time and place of the merger convention will depend primarily upon conclusions reached at the July merger meetings.

In other highlight actions, the executive council:

1—Elected Ralph B. Bronson to council membership to fill the unexpired term of William Carroll, who resigned at the last quarterly meeting. Bronson is executive officer of Local 12, Operating Engineers, Los Angeles. Carroll was from the same local.

2—Completed its draft of constitutional changes to be presented to the August convention.

The council heard a report from Chief Counsel Charles P. Scully on the "Garmon vs. Building Trades" case in which the U. S. Supreme Court recently voted to grant the State Federation's petition to review the California Supreme Court's verdict that a state court could enjoin certain intra-state practices under federal law even when such practices are permissible under state law.

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